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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 16, 2005. Entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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